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Microsoft has done nothing but steal or rip off innovation, and kill competition since the day it began. Windows gives special privileges to Microsoft applications, and integrates Internet Explorer completely. This is not what an operating system is supposed to be. Even now, with Windows XP and the gigantic ad campaign surrounding it, Apple and other small, innovative companies are being stolen from. Luna (the UI of XP) is a blatant copy of Aqua (The UI of MacOSX), and a dysfunctional one at that. Their Xbox game console is aimed at putting the game console under their iron fist as well.

When confronted with a lawsuit from apple a decade and a half ago (approximately), they changed the law to get away with it. They have been twisting laws, breaking them, and then changing them. Copyright laws underwent hundreds of changes to make their original OS legal.

This has GOT to be stopped, my suggestion is to divide Microsoft. Into as many pieces as possible.

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